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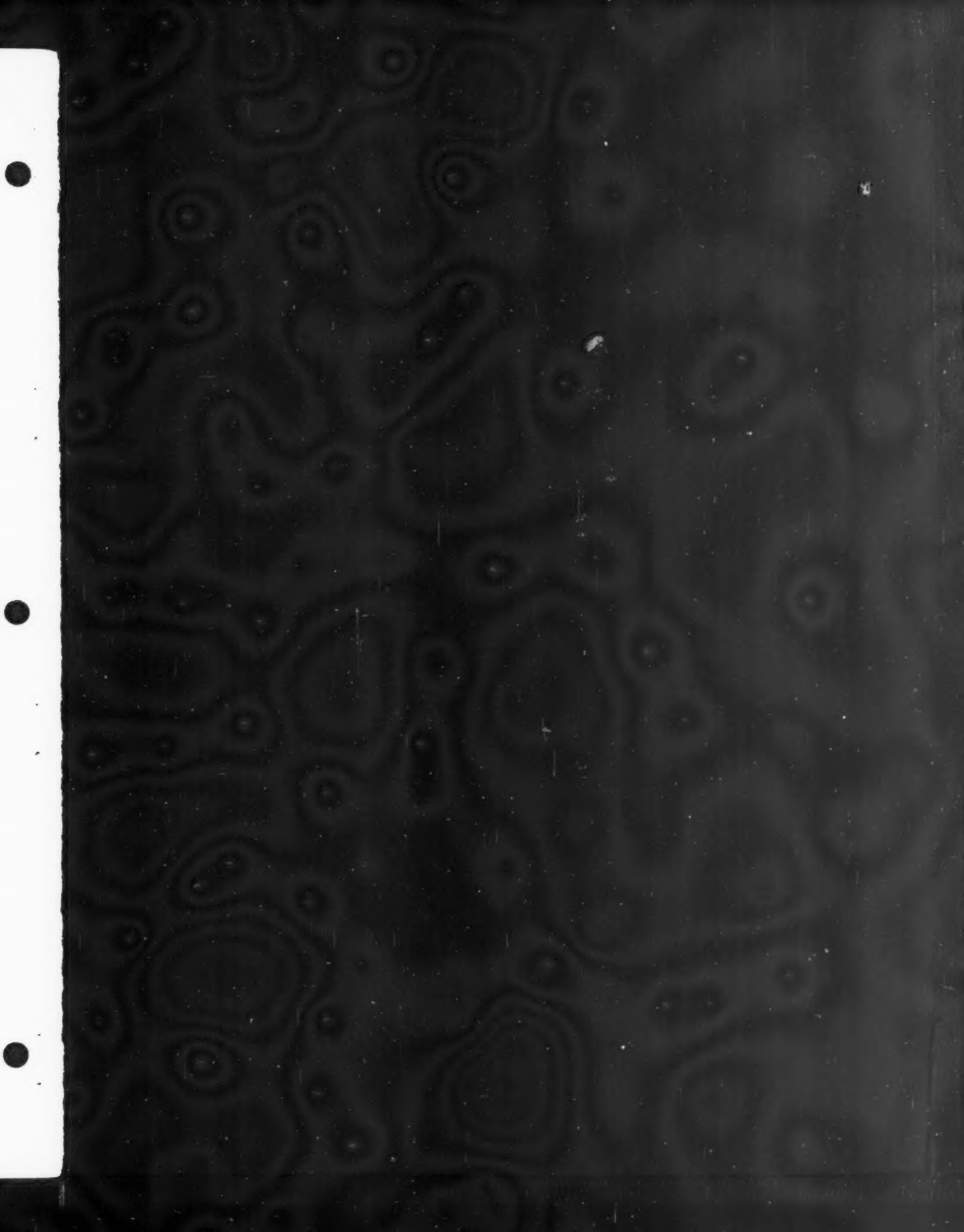
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## THE TAVERNS OF MY ANCESTORS.

The interest in Taverns and Inns seems to be renewed with us today as we drive about both country side and city streets. In a "History of the Town of Sunderland Massachusetts" a chapter devoted to "Taverns and Inns" was written with apologies, but the author made a point which caused me to think of contrasting those Taverns of our early history with the type which is becoming all too familiar today. To quote from the chapter mentioned.

"The authorities of the Massachusetts Bay Colony began at a very early date to make provision for licensing of 'Inns or Ordinaries'. The colonial and provincial statutes are full of provisions for their government regulation. The very earliest laws prohibit the sale of wine and strong drink in these places as tending to riot and disorder. In 1692 the Provincial Legislatures made the following statement of uses and purposes for which houses of entertainment were established. 'And for as much as the ancient, true, principal use of Inns, Taverns, Ale-Houses, Victualling Houses and other Houses for common entertainment is for the receipt, relief and lodging of travelers and strangers and refreshment of persons upon lawful business or for the necessary supply of the wants of such poor persons as are not able by greater quantities to make their provision of victuals, and are not intended for entertainment and harboring of lewd or idle people to spend or consume their time or money there therefore etc.'

"As the settlement of the country went on, the population moved westward and northward and the need for these houses of entertainment grew rapidly. There were no lines of public conveyance and the stage did not reach the Connecticut Valley until the late seventies, . . . . There was a genuine demand for frequent rest and refreshment until every village had its own Tavern and the "Wayside Inn" between villages became a recognized and established institution. Opinions and conditions changed as time went on. The sale of wine and strong waters was permitted under stringent regulations, enforced by severe penalties.

"To secure good order and good morals in the administration of these Inns it became quite the custom of wise and thoughtful magistrates to grant licenses only to men of character and substance. It so came to pass that the principal Innkeeper in a town was one of its most prominent citizens. The Village Inn became the newspaper, the produce exchange, the agricultural institute and the forum for discussion of local politics. It was the militia's headquarters and the scene of many public festivities."

In Sunderland the "Leonard Tavern" was in use as an Inn as early as 1731 and was sold to Noahdiah Leonard (my Revolutionary ancestor) in 1783. He had come from Springfield and married Jerusha Smith, daughter of Deacon Nathaniel Smith. He is said to have had a "store". "Stores" in that period were not only devoted to selling goods, but were places in private dwellings where crockery, chinaware and strong drinks were sold. A license was a necessity. He had one as early as 1769. He was rated as energetic and was a farmer as well as Innkeeper. He was also a Captain in the Militia and commanded his Company in the Lexington Alarm, later serving under Col. Woodbridge as Captain. He was afterward Lt. Col. in the Militia.

The Tavern was kept by his wife after he was killed, and later his oldest son Moses, obtained the license. The Inn was in the Leonard's possession fifty years and in active use as a Tavern for 102 years. The home of his wife's girlhood became "The Toby House". Polly Williams was the wife of Noahdiah Leonard (2nd). Her father was "Landlord Oliver Williams" as early as 1731.

So, adding an earlier Inn kept by the Chipmans in Barnstable, I believe I come from a family of Inn or Tavern Keepers, who kept the type of "Inns" at which so many travelers nowadays refresh themselves through New England and other states, such as Botsford and Wayside Inns and reproductions like our own Dearborn Inn.

Katherine White Austin.



## NOTES OF THE SOCIETY.

Mr. Charles H. Culver, well known Detroit attorney and member of the Old Timers Club addressed the December meeting of the Society. Born in Detroit Mr. Culver has played an active part in the growth of the city. With humor and vividness he painted a picture of "Detroit in the Eighties" which was thoroughly enjoyed. We hope that we may have him for a speaker sometime again.

The problem of obtaining birth certificates, especially when the birth has never been recorded was brought up and discussed. Mr. Culver explained how the courts of Wayne County are taking care of these cases. Those interested are referred to a long explanation of a recent ruling of the Supreme Court of Michigan which appeared in the Detroit News on Sunday December 15, 1940.

Mr. George L. Ausim called our attention to a book recently published by one of our members Mr. Raymond E. Addis of Holly, Michigan. It is a small volume entitled "Re-Introducing Our Signers". It contains a brief biography of each of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence together with a portrait and a facsimile of his signature. It contains also a copy of the Declaration with some information about Mr. Addis as President of the Michigan Society Sons of the American Revolution.

We only recently learned of the death in Saginaw, Michigan of Mrs. Geo. M. Thompson mother of Mr. Hallam Spencer Whitney of Cleveland, Ohio. On page 35 there will be found a record of her ancestry to John Whitney of Watertown.

Mrs. Harrie Cole Bowen of Adrian, Michigan has been ill for some time. Nevertheless propped up in bed, she copied for the Society the records of four "18" family cemeteries in Seneca County, N. Y. which she had found in Nov. And that we consider being a good member.

Mrs. W. H. Mariens of Detroit has recently contributed some fine records of cemeteries in Berrien, Hillsdale and Van Buren County, Michigan and in Oneida County, New York. We hope to publish all of these records in time.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pomeroy Rothwell have gone to California and are living just outside of Los Angeles. They like it very much and hope to become permanent residents. Mr. Rothwell writes that he has had several talks with our ex-President, Mr. Harold E. Meyer.

Mrs. Blanche Benson Heller has returned to California, after spending several years in Detroit.

Mrs. Helen Reese Kellogg is leaving soon for Miami, Florida. She will not return till May. She expects to visit Cuba, Bermuda and Mexico. She says she will be on the look-out for any thing of interest to the Society and will be glad to help any member if she can while she is in the South.

May we repeat a thought from the last News Letter of the Detroit Council on Local History? It is worth thinking about. "The MAUMEE VALLEY historical convention this last fall set on foot a movement to commemorate General Anthony Wayne's victorious campaign against the Indians and the surrender to the Americans in 1796 of Detroit....Detroit should have a lasting monument such as a memorial building to house the Detroit Historical Society's museum, the Burton Historical Collection, and provide a place for the meetings of historical societies". We should like to see this accomplished some day soon.

## VITAL RECORDS FROM "THE DETROIT GAZETTE" 181, 1830

Collected by Paulah Puffer Kresge

Continued from December.

At Oakland the 16th inst. Dr. Zina Pitcher of the U.S. Army, to Miss Ann Eliza Sheldon of Oakland.

June 11 1824. A. Poulney Vt. on the 18th inst. Benjamin F. H. Witherell Esq. of this city to Miss Mary Ann Sprague, of the former place.

June 25 1824 (Friday) A. Oakland, Oakland County, on the 20th inst. by D. Bronson Esq. Mr. John Miller to Miss Eunice Taylor, all of the place.

A. the River Rouge on Monday last by the Rev. W. Heacock Mr. William Tourber of this city, to Mrs. Margaret Hopkins of the former place.

Aug. 20, 1824. (Friday, in this city, on Wednesday evening last, by the Rev. Mr. Cadle Mr. Philip B. Gage to Miss Alice Thorne.

Aug. 2 1824. A. Bloomfield, Oakland County, on the 22d inst. by S. Dole Esq. Mr. Thomas Charters of this city to Miss Prudence Norton of the former place.

Sep. 3 1824. Last evening in this city by the Rev. Mr. Cadle John Dean Esq. to Mrs. Mary Lindsay.

Sep. 10 1824. A. Oakland, Oakland County, on the 5th inst. by Sidney Dole Esq. Mr. Edwin Edwards to Miss Nancy Williams, daughter of Mr. Alpheus Williams.

Last week on the North branch of the River Rouge, by William Barklin Esq. Mr. Thomas Chadwick to Miss Sarah Chamberlin.

Oct. 29, 1824. A. Shelby, Macomb county, on the 14th inst. by Joseph Lester Esq. Mr. William A. Davis to Miss Sophia Scott.

Nov. 12 1824. On the evening of the 5th inst. by Th. Rowland Esq. Mr. Noble H. Merwin to Clevelanda Child to Mrs. Jane Lyons, of the city.

Nov. 26 1824. Last evening by the Rev. Mr. Cadle Mr. Garry Spencer, to Miss Lucina Story, all of this city.

Dec. 10 1824. At Bloomfield, Oakland County on the 5th inst. by Sidney Dole, Esq. Mr. Zadock Bates, jr. to Mrs. Eliza Crippin.

Dec. 17, 1824. In this city on the 15th inst. by John M. Donnell, Esq. Mr. Nathan Brush to Miss Nancy Staley both of Upper Canada.

On the 16th by the same, Mr. John Reed to Miss Ann Moody.

Dec. 24 1824. Last evening by the Rev. Mr. Cadle, Mr. John Roberts, Jr. to Miss Lydia Sanderson, all of this city.

## Deaths Recorded in 1824.

Jan. 9 1824. In Connecticut, at an advanced age, the hon. Tapping Reeve, a distinguished jurist, and the founder of the celebrated Law School at Litchfield.

Feb. 6, 1824. Kiskauko, notorious chief of the Saginaw Indians, was slain at Saginaw by Peter Riley, a half breed of Oakland Co., in revenge for the death of a relative caused by the Indian Chief.

March 5, 1824. On the River Rouge, on the 29th ult. Mr. Francis Chovin, an old and respected inhabitant of this country.

March 22, 1824. From the Utica (N.Y.) Sentinel. At Patterson, on the 16th instant, the venerable Peter Colt, Esq. aged eighty years. Mr. Colt was a native of Lyme in Connecticut. His early manhood was devoted to the cause of his country in her successful struggle for independence, he has adorned a name, which his ancestors had rendered respectable for many generations. In 1793 he removed to Rome in this state and was employed as Superintendent of the canal operations.

April 16, 1824. Obituary. Was interred in the church yard St. Anne on Tuesday, the 13th instant. Anne, the wife of Mr. Louis Campau, of Saginaw. This lady supported herself through a long and painful disease not only with great strength of mind but with a cheerfulness of temper calculated to excite admiration.

April 30, 1824. At Mount Clemens, in the county of Macomb on the 14th inst. Mrs. Clemens, consort of Judge Clemens.

May 7, 1824 (Friday). Lately at St. Clair. Capt. Henry Ainsworth, an inhabitant of that county.

----- In this city on Saturday last of a lingering illness Mrs. Taylor wife of Mr. James Taylor Dyer and Securer.

May 14, 1824. Lieut. Guion of the army of the United States, a promising young officer, was shot thro' the heart in a duel at Natchez about the 16th of March.

May 21, 1824. (Friday). Wreck of the Sylph, owned and commanded by Henry Haskins, sailed on the evening of the 12th inst. from Sandusky for this place. On Sunday last it was discovered that the Sylph had been wrecked upon the island called the North Bass about 30 miles from Sandusky. There were on board the Sylph at the time she sailed, besides Mr. Haskins and his son, a man who belonged to the State of Ohio, and a woman and her infant child, all of whom perished. Mr. Haskins was much esteemed for his industry and punctuality in business.

May 28, 1824. Item from "Sandusky Clarion" states that of those wrecked on the schooner Sylph, Harry Haskin was 23 years of age and Charles 17. The man's name was supposed to be Roberts, "of Florence in this country". Mrs. Hunter, mother of the child, it is said was originally from Schoharie N.Y. and recently from Buffalo. L. Haskin, a bro. of Henry and Charles, accompanied the party to the scene of the wreck.

May 23, 1824. Melancholy Occurrence. Robert Nichol Esq. an active and intelligent member of the Upper Canada Parliament, while on his return from Fort George to his house about four miles above Queenstown, was precipitated from the height a short distance above that place and instantly killed. The accident happened on the night of the 3d inst.

(To be Continued)



EZEKIEL SACKETT FAMILY RECORDS  
Compiled by Margjoria Norris Bearis  
Continued from December.

1721-k. ELIZABETH SACKETT, dau. of Ezekiel & Elizabeth (Woodward) Sackett was born in New York state, Dec. 14 1829, moved to Wayne Co., Mich., with her parents when a small child. She was married Jan. 1 1849 at Redford Mich. by Emory Curtis, minister, to Jonathan Wright, son of Edward & Jane Wright. He enlisted in Co D 4th Mich. Cav. Aug. 11 1862 at Detroit for 3 years, aged 31 years, mustered Aug. 23 1862 and died of disease at Lebanon, Ky. Oct. 21 1862 and is buried in the National Cemetery at Lebanon, Ky. Their children were -

- (1) Sarah Wright, b. , m. first Booth, 2nd. Hodges.
- (2) Edward E. Wright, b. Aug. 12 1851, d. Sept. 1923, m. Catherine Postiff, who was b. Oct. 27 1848, d. Dec. 11 1931. (Bell Branch Cem.) Their children
  - i. Ella Wright, b. Oct. 13 1871, m. John B. Ferrington, son of Henry & Louisa C. (Spencer) Ferrington.
  - ii. Robert Wright, b. Oct. 6 1873, d. Apr. 16 1911. (Bell Branch Cem.) m. May Meyers.
  - iii. Effie Wright, m. Lynton Proctor, son of William & Emma (Coon) Proctor.
  - iv. Lillian Wright, m. Walter A. Hanaford, b. 1880, d. 1932. (Bell Branch Cem.)
  - v. Chauncey Wright, m. Lillian Henning.
  - vi. Walter (Dick) Wright, m. Elvira Ferstle.
  - vii. May Wright (twin) m. Arthur Jennett.
  - viii. Ray Wright, (twin) unmarried.
  - ix. Grace Wright, unmarried.
  - x. Russell Wright, unmarried.
- (3) Mary Wright, b. Jan. 17 1854, d. Oct. 15 1940, m. Frank H. Longley, b. May 14 1853, d. June 11 1932. (Evergreen Cem.) Their children were -
  - i. dau. who m. William Peterson.
  - ii. dau. who m. Floyd Williams.
  - iii. Nellie Longley
  - iv. Frank Longley
  - v. David Longley
  - vi. Edward Longley
  - vii. William Longley
- (4) Clementine Wright, b. July 22 185-, d. ? , (Bell Branch Cem.) m. April 9 1876 at Redford, Mich. to Daniel Hock, b. May 28 1851; d. Feb. 1921. (Oak Hill Cem. Pontiac) Their children were -
  - i. Mary A. Hock, b. Apr. 21 1878; d. July 29 1878. (Bell Branch Cem.)
  - ii. Myrtle E. Hock, b. Mar. 20 1881, d. Apr. 25 1894 of Typhoid Fever. (Bell Branch Cem.)
  - iii. Gertrude Hock, unmarried.
  - iv. dau. who m. T. Henry Cauley.
- (5) Bradford Wright, b. , d. Sept. 20 1884 of Diphtheria. (Bell Branch Cem.)
- (6) Martha Wright, b. ? , d. ? , (Bell Branch Cem.) m. 1st. William Prescott, 2nd. Perry.

Additional Data to the Ezekiel Sackett Family Records:  
Sept. 1940, p. 209; line 6-- Children of Emily Jane Sackett & Thomas Paulger were

- i. John M. Paulger, b. Oct. 5, 1859, d. Aug. 11, 1923, m. Feb. 26, 1885 to Celia S. Bigelow, dau. of Thomas A. & Tryphena (Malcom) Bigelow, b. 1860, d. Apr. 15, 1918. (Grand Lawn Cem.)
- ii. Della Paulger, m. Nicholson.
- iii. Lucia Paulger, m. Fedder.
- iv. Thomas Paulger.

Oct. 1940, p. 5 line 17 ii. Frank E. Clizbe, m. March 8, 1898 at Bell Branch by Rev. J. G. Morgan to Agnes L. Pulcher, dau. of Richard & Josephine (Armstrong) Pulcher, b. July 10, 1875 Grosse Pointe Mich. no issue.

Oct. 1940 p. 5 line 43 vii. Mary Morris Shay d. Dec. 3, 1940. (Aracacia Park Cem.)

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"THE SACKETTS OF AMERICA" by Charles H. Weygant, 1908, p. 166  
1720 AMELIA SACKETT, dau. of John and Prudence (Aberthorn) Sackett, b. June 15, 1784. She m. John Pearsall and moved to Wayne County, Michigan, presumably about the time that her brother Ezekiel Sackett came. John Pearsall was b. Mar. 19, 1783 and died Oct. 25, 1851. His will was dated Feb. 8, 1851 and filed for probate Nov. 6, 1851 in Wayne Co., Mich. He names his widow Amelia, seven minor children of George W. Ferrington and Prudence Ferrington, dau. of said deceased, and the children of Polly Montgomery, deceased, the children of Jane Arbor, the children of Nancy Metcalf, the children of Charlotte Hanks and the children of Ruth Searls, all said children being the grandchildren of said deceased. The widow Amelia Pearsall d. Aug. 16, 1860. Both are buried in Bell Branch Cemetery, Redford.

PRUDENCE PEARSALL dau. of the above was born Sept. 11, 1804, d. Oct. 4, 1847, m. May 9, 1820 by L. Grey Esq. to George W. Ferrington, b. Jan. 4, 1795, d. Apr. 6, 1854. (Bell Branch Cem.) Their children were

- i. John P. Ferrington, b. Nov. 1, 1820, d. June 17, 1837. (Bell Branch)
- ii. Harriet S. Ferrington, b. Dec. 14, 1821, d. Aug. 12, 1899, m. Apr. 2, 1839, John M. Prindle, son of Enos & Elanor Prindle, b. Jan. 24, 1811, Steuben Co., N. Y., d. Aug. 6, 1901. (Bell Branch Cem.)
- iii. Amelia P. Ferrington, b. Aug. 8, 1823, d. Mar. 5, 1848, m. Aug. 8, 1839 to Amos W. Cole.
- iv. Susan Ann Ferrington, b. July 17, 1825, m. Mar. 21, 1841 to Samuel Myers.
- v. Henriette C. Ferrington, b. May 14, 1827, d. Jan. 16, 1899, m. to William B. Perry, b. Apr. 1, 1813 Sandgate, Vt., d. Aug. 19, 1903. (Bell Branch Cem.)
- vi. Polly M. Ferrington, b. Aug. 5, 1832, d. Dec. 4, 1900, m. Mar. 4, 1849 to George F. Morris, son of John & Lucinda (Sackett) Morris, b. Sept. 3, 1829, d. Aug. 8, 1898. (St. Johns, Mich.)
- vii. Roldon B. Ferrington, b. July 29, 1834, d. Feb. 21, 1913, m. Sept. 1, 1853 to Alice Myler, 1834-1901. (Grand Lawn Cem.)
- viii. Henry Ferrington, b. Aug. 16, 1836, d. Feb. 27, 1917, m. 1st. Dec. 30, 1859 to Melissa B. Spencer, dau. of Elijah B. & Maria B. (Coon) Spencer b. Dec. 17, 1841, d. May 21, 1863. He m. 2nd. Jan. 1, 1864 to Louisa C. Spencer, sister of his first wife, b. 1847, d. Feb. 13, 1929. (Bell Branch Cem.)
- ix. Sarah Roanna Ferrington, b. Oct. 7, 1838, d. Oct. 23, 1924, m. to Thomas P. Mack, b. 1832, d. Sept. 9, 1892. (Bell Branch Cem.)

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RESEARCH ON A VIRGINIA DISSENTERS PETITION.  
(Contributed by Eleanor Gerard Russell.)

In the "Virginia Magazine of History", Volume 18, pages 265-267, there was published a Dissenters' Petition, bearing the names of 127 Virginians and without a single clue as to date or Parish or County of origin. I was interested because of the name of ELIAS GERARD among the Petitioners. I went to Richmond and made a personal search for the original petition among the Archives of the Virginia State Library. It was not there on September 6, 1940.

Further research has convinced me that this petition was from BERKELEY COUNTY, VIRGINIA. Berkeley County was taken from Frederick County, Virginia in 1772. Since some hundred names appear on this petition, I am presenting the results of my research for the benefit of others who may be interested.

My great-great-great grandfather, ELIAS GERARD, signed this petition, and he was from Shepherdstown, Frederick County, Virginia. In 1764, he was one of thirteen volunteers who joined Colonel Bouquet when he forced a passage to the relief of Fort Pitt. He died in "Gerard's Station", Columbia Anderson Township in the "Territory Northwest of the River Ohio", December 31, 1797. (Proof: Copy of Letters of Administration to his son, John Gerard, in the Archives of the Virginia State Library, September 6, 1940.)

In addition to this proof, I found the names of many of the Petitioners on legal documents of BERKELEY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, namely:

- (1) WILLIAM GERARD, witnessed the will of Major General Charles Lee of Berkeley County in 1782. (Proof: Tylers Magazine, Volume 3.)
- (2) WILLIAM GERARD, deceased. An inventory. Recorded October 16, 1782. (Proof: Berkeley County, Virginia Will Book 1.)
- (3) WILLIAM GERARD, JAMES BUCKLES, JAMES WILSON, mentioned in the will of the Reverend John Gerard, dated August 19, 1781, and of record in Berkeley County, Martinsburgh, West Virginia in 1940. (See The Detroit Society for Genealogical Research Magazine for October, 1940 for abstract of the Will of the Reverend John Gerard.)
- (4) GILBERT M. KOWN, ROBERT ALLEN, Trustees. "An act to establish a town on the lands of David Gerard in the County of Berkeley." (Proof: Henings' Statutes at Large, Virginia, Volume 12.)

Further proof: GILBERT MCCOUN, ALEXANDER MEILHATTEN (Note this uncommon name), DUNCAN CAMPBELL, HUGH LYLE, ROBERT STEWART, WILLIAM GRAY, JOHN MOOR and others also signed the Dissenters' Petition of Tuscarora Congregation, Berkeley County, Virginia in 1776, as printed in Virginia Magazine of History, Volume 18, pages 260-261. Tuscarora was one of the earliest Presbyterian churches in Frederick County, Virginia. It first appears in Ecclesiastical records in 1760.

I next wrote to the Virginia State Library and asked the Library Archivist to compare the names on this Dissenters' Petition with the names on the Berkeley County Tax Lists, 1782-1786 in the Archives of the Library, which I had examined when in Richmond. I received the following reply. Copy of letter---

Richmond State Library  
Richmond, Virginia  
October 18, 1940

Mrs. Eleanor Gerard Russell  
Care of Mr. Edward Stuart Piggins  
1810 David Stott Building  
Griswold at State Street  
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Madam,

We are still unable to locate the original Dissenters' petition as printed in the Virginia Magazine of History, volume 18, pages 265-267. A comparison of the names on this petition with the names on the Berkeley

County tax lists shows that some of the names are duplicated in both instances. Without a minute comparison of the two lists of names, we would be unable to determine if the petition came from Berkeley County or not. Such conclusions are always dangerous to draw unless more facts in the case can be obtained. In any case, we hesitate to draw conclusions on these matters and prefer to have researchers reach their own conclusions on the basis of the evidence contained in our documents.

Very truly Yours  
William J. Van Schreeven  
Head Archivist

The one hundred and twenty-seven names on this petition follow. Those in capitals are the names found also on the various documents of Berkeley County, Virginia referred to above.

Dissenter's Petition.

Referred to Committee upon State of the Country

And your Petitioners shall ever Pray

WILLIAM GARARD	Isaac Sharp	David Miller
WILLIAM SEAMAN	David Salard	ROBERT STEWART
Morris Osman	(David Gerard?)	William Rusk
Andrew Morrison	John Watson	David Miller
John Larason	John Cennan	DUNCAN CAMPBELL
JAMES BUCKLES	JOHN HAYS SENR.	HUGH LYLE
Zachariah Williams	Aaron Doley	Abraham Miller
JOHN MOORE	Robert Boyd	Edward Dodd
Richard Downey	Paul Vandevor	GEORGE JENKINS
Ind Demass	Joseph Chemmuth	ROBERT LYLE
David Lewis Junior	John James	John Davidson
Richard Marchan	Thomas Wilkeson	JOHN MILLER
Thomas Williams	John Fulen	Richard Ross
John H. Jones	William Boyer	William Glen
Uriah Willson	ELIAS GAPARD	James Miller
NATHANIEL MORRISON	Barnard Eagon Senr.	Nicholas Parle
John M. Farling	William L. Jones	James Heaton
JOHN HAYS	Nicholas Parrels	ROBERT ALLEN
John Curran Senr.	David Faucher	Philip Greyson
James Leeble	Dennis Onan	Jacob Price
ALEXANDER MUCKELHATTEN	Morris Connard	Gilbert Vanroof
William James	Nicholas Vandevor Senr.	Ridgeway
David Miles	Henry Bonard	Samson Kerr
Moses Lintard	Thomas Eiley	Thomas Russe
Jonathan Summans	EDWARD LUCAS	William Berry
David Booth	WILLIAM MORGAN	William Murion
John Summans	William Lucas	Charles Collins
GEORGE CUNNINGHAM	Thomas Har	Patrick Harogan
John Watson	Joseph Van Sardor's	Isaac Chemmuth
James Seaton	Minister of the Gospel	Stephen Taylor
John Vandivate	Daniel Davis	Timothy Taylor
David Lucas	Edward Bennett	George Davidson
Ben. Suten	Isaac Taylor	William Chemmuth
ISAAC HEATON	Andrew McCown	John Thompson
JACOB RUSH	GILBERT MCCOWN	John Brotran
William Rule	Jeremiah Browning	John Loving
John Moore	James Wilson	William McDonelson
Nickles Vandivate	JAMES CAMPBELL	David Price
Ebenezer Sutton	Alexander Campbell	Daniel Hortly

William Gray  
Henry Hodges  
ABSOLAM CHEMOOTH  
John Lowe

Flurance McCarty  
Leonard Kimble  
John Hol  
William White

Thomas Dorr  
Joseph Bridges  
George Bender  
Henry Miller

I continued my search for conclusive proof that this Dissenter's Petition came from BERKELEY COUNTY VIRGINIA and found this proof in "HISTORIC SHEPHERDSTOWN" by Danske Dandridge published in 1910. According to Mr. Dandridge GILBERT M'LEWIN DUNCAN CAMPBELL HUGH LYLE JAMES CAMPBELL WILLIAM SEAMON EDWARD LUCAS ROBERT ALLEN were of Shepherdstown Frederick County Virginia in 1763. Many of these settlers came from Washington County Maryland.

In this priceless volume Mr. Dandridge has published the BERKELEY COUNTY Tax Rolls for 1774 - 1775 - 1776 - 1777 - 1778 - 1779 - 1780 and 1781. A "minute comparison" of the names on these tax lists with those on the Dissenter's petition shows that many of the names are duplicated namely GILBERT M'LEWIN DUNCAN CAMPBELL HUGH LYLE JAMES CAMPBELL WILLIAM SEAMON EDWARD LUCAS ROBERT ALLEN GEORGE JENKINS JOHN HAYS JOHN MILLER JOHN MOORE ABSALOM CHENOWETH JAMES BUCKLES ROBERT STEWART ROBERT LYLE WILLIAM MORGAN NATHANIEL MORRISON ISAAC HEATON GEORGE CUNNINGHAM JACOB RUSH and many others. Thus I feel that I have proved the point of my research.

I should be added that Mr. Dandridge has included in "Historic Shepherdstown" a long list of Revolutionary soldiers of Berkeley County, Virginia.

#### AN ETHERIDGE FAMILY BIBLE RECORD. Contributed by Amelia Frink Redfield.

Mrs. Redfield says in her letter: "A young man in Coldwater (Michigan) who bought old books found an old Family Bible and presented it to me. It had such an unusually full record of the family of Etheridge though it might be worth preserving so I have copied those pages for you. The title page of Bible was gone so I do not know when or where it was published. Many of the pages are much worn and yellow."

##### Births

Cynthia Marian Ingham at Schuyler Herkimer Co. N. Y. Jan. 20 1806  
Amy Etheridge June 9 1816 at Schuyler Herkimer Co. N. Y.  
Joseph Ingham Etheridge July 3 1820 at Frankfort.  
Theodore Cleveland Etheridge June 10 1822 at Frankfort.  
Mary Eliza Etheridge November 16 1824 at Frankfort.  
Samuel Smith Etheridge Oct. 19 1826 at Frankfort.  
Sarah Ann Etheridge Oct. 22 1827 at Frankfort Herkimer Co.  
Charles Ingham Etheridge August 11 1841 at Coldwater Branch Co. Mich.  
Alfred Munson Etheridge February 21 1844 at Coldwater Mich.  
Herkland Barker Etheridge Jan. 16 1846 at Quincy Branch Co. Mich.

##### Marriages

Samuel Etheridge at Schuyler Herkimer Co. N. Y. April 16 1815  
Sally Ingham  
Bur Etheridge at Coldwater Branch Co. Mich. Dec. 2 1838  
Amy Etheridge  
Lorenzo D. Breneen at Coldwater Branch Co. Mich. Dec. 9 1838  
Cynthia Etheridge  
Samuel Etheridge at Schuyler Herkimer Co. N. Y. Oct. 21 1840  
Cynthia M. Ingham  
Theodore Etheridge at Coldwater Mich. Jan. 24 1839  
Wife's name not given.  
Joseph S. Matbitt at Coldwater Mich. Dec. 26 1852  
Saran A. Etheridge



Joseph S. Etheridge at Marshall, Mich. Jan. 19 1840  
 Julia Anne Dickinson  
 Theodore C. Etheridge at Marshall, Mich. June 14, 1855  
 Lucy Ann Pratt

#### Births

Samuel Etheridge Apr. 15 1788 Williamstown, Berkshire Co., Mass.  
 Sally Etheridge Oct. 18 1791 at Chatham, Columbia Co. New York.

#### Deaths

Sarah M. Etheridge, wife of Theodore Etheridge, dau. of Wm. Winans, at Coldwater, Jan. 2 1858 aged 22 years.  
 George Etheridge, son of Theodore Etheridge, at Vanderhook August 25 1855.  
 Joseph Ingham Jan. 22 1813 at Schuyler, Herkimer Co. State of New York.  
 Thomas Etheridge at Herkimer March 13 1813.  
 Amy Etheridge, relict of Thomas Etheridge at Schuyler N. Y. Sep. 20 1820.  
 Cynthia Ingham, relict of Joseph Ingham at Schuyler, Feb. 14 1834 aged 65 years 16 months 3 days.  
 Esther Blake at Dewitts, Livingston Co. N. Y. June 25 1835 in the 52 year of her age.  
 Mary Elze Etheridge at Coldwater Branch Co. Michigan Sep. 13 1835 age 18 years 10 months 2 days.  
 Sally Etheridge at Coldwater Branch Co. Mich. May 16 1835 at 5 o'clock P.M. aged 47 years 6 months and 28 days.  
 Joseph Etheridge at Ontario Wayne Co. N. Y. Oct. 22 1841 aged 64 years.  
 Lucy Etheridge, relict of Joseph Etheridge at Coldwater Feb. 18 1850 aged 32.  
 Malinda Richards at Coldwater April 26 1845.

Married at Kalamazoo on the 14th inst. month given 1843 by the Rev. J. A. F. Stone Mr. Kirkland C. Barker of Cleveland Ohio to Mrs. Nancy A. Henry, of the former place.

Mrs. Sarah A. Matitt, wife of Joseph S. Matitt of Milwaukee Wis. daughter of Samuel Etheridge of Branch Co. Mich. in the 38th year of her age Sept. 18 1859 at Bridge N. Y. Her funeral took place in Coldwater Mich. Sept. 18 (her husband telegraphed her brother Rev. S. S. Etheridge Pastor of Episcopal Church Janesville Wis.)

#### AN IRWIN FAMILY RECORD

Contributed by Margaret Hubbard Williams

This record was furnished by L. Lieurance, Oxford Ohio. A note states that it was "taken from Dr. Joshua Phillips book."

Stephen M. Irwin born Oct. 3rd 1780  
 Lucinda Phillips was born May 11 1783  
 Caleb E. Irwin was born September 21st 1785  
 Joshua Irwin was born Sept. 14 1787  
 John Mitchell Irwin was born July 12 1790  
 Betsey Irwin was born July 8 1792  
 William M. Irwin was born Mar. 2nd 1796  
 Lucinda Phillips born May 11 1783 married Jan. 21st 1808  
 Joshua Phillips and Lucinda Irwin

Any one who has a curiosity to see the forest visibly moving before the arm of improvement, will do well to make a trip from Pontiac to the settlements on the Rouge, from thence, by Dix's settlement to Ann Arbor, and from thence down the Huron to Woodruff's Grove. Detroit Gazette, June 28, 1825.

SOME DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS STEPHENS OF SIMSBURY, CONN.

Contributed by H. F. Sturtevant.

Continued from Decemter.

b. W. Hudson, born at Copenhagen, N.Y. 17 June, 1830.

Atty at Law, Lowville, N. Y., unmarried.

3. Harvey married Sally Conkey, of Martinsburgh, New York. Was merchant and died there 31 May 1849.

4. Harriet married Dr. James M. Sturdevant at Martinsburgh, now prominent physician at Rome, N. Y. She died at Martinsburgh 15 Jan. 1834. Their son, James Stephens Sturdevant, wholesale grocer, New York City, m. Fannie Abbey, daughter of Wm. S. Abbey, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

5. Jane married Shepard Lee at Martinsburgh, N. Y. where she died 14 Mch. 1833. Their daughter Hellen died there 18---

6. Lucretia married Selden Ives, of Turin, N.Y. Their children are.

a. Cornelia L. m. Harvey Smith, died at Turin, N.Y. 18---

b. Martin S., farmer, resides at Turin, married and has two daughters.

c. Marcellus Ives who died at Rome, N. Y. unmarried.

II. Ira (3) Stephens Rufus (2), Thomas (1), b. 29 Nov. 1777, married at Westfield, Mass. Hannah Arthur, daughter of Rich. E. Arthur of Westfield who removed to Martinsburgh, Lewis Co. N.Y. He died at Lowville, N.Y. 21 June 1852, aged 74 yrs. She was born 25 Jan'y 1775 and she died 30 Aug. 1842 aged 67 yrs. An Innkeeper and afterwards farmer, he was Sheriff of Lewis Co. N. Y. in 1821 and 1822, was of the first shareholders (2 shares) of stock of Lowville Academy, N. Y. They had issue

1. Pamela, born 23 Feb. 1798, married 1st Roswell R. Babbitt at Lowville, 8 March 1818, she died 26 April 1839 at 40 yrs. They had issue.

a. Charles R. Babbitt of Rochester, Major in --- at the Evacuation of Harpers Ferry by the National Troops, City Surveyor, is an accomplished Engineer, unmarried.

b. Maria married Henry Griffith of Rochester, New York, have one son, Charles, and several daughters. Married 2nd Wm Brewster, a man of large wealth and high social distinction at Rochester, New York. Had issue

c. Pauline, wife of Rev. Mr. Lee of Waterford, N. Y., he preached Ellsworth's funeral sermon, the first victim of the War. They have several daughters, Jennie E. married Doct. John Reid, now resident in Chicago, Ills, Edward, unmarried, of Rochester, N. Y.

2. Julia, born May 1800 died 25 Aug. 1809.

3. Paulina, born 31 March 1808, married Rev. Charles Clark, a Baptist Minister, who died at Rome, N. Y. Oct. 16 1852, was buried at Lowville. For 24 years he was absent from the Sanctuary but a single Sabbath. Their son, Henry, resides near Helena, Montana. Two daughters reside with their mother at Watertown, N.Y.

4. Charles M. born 12 June 1817, died at Lowville, N.Y. 12 Sept. 72, married Eliza A. B. Sherwood 29 Sept. 1841 (adopted daughter of Isaac Sherwood--- this statement has been crossed out) at Lowville. Issue

a. Francis S. born 4 Dec 1842, died 14 Sept 1843.

b. Julia H. born 24 Aug 1844.

He resides at Lowville Village, New York. (This must have been written before the date of Charles M. Stephens' death was added in a note as above "12 Sept '72".)

5. George W. born 25 July 1819, married Cynthia Brown daughter of Jess Brown of Lowville the 20 day Dec. 1843. Is a farmer, resides at Lowville Village on the old place of his father. Issue

a. Loren H. born 6 Oct. 1844.

b. Amy J. born 18 July 1847, married 1870 T. Milton Reed, an Atty at Lowville.

III. Rufus (3) Stephens, Rufus (2), Thomas (1) born 20 Nov. 1799, married (1st) Gracia Root, daughter of Nodiah Root. Ceremony by Rev. Mr. A. Water. She died - 1812. Their children were

1. Nancy Ann born 9 Oct 1803, married Gordon Mills 1 Jan'y 1827, Ceremony by Elder Blodge. She died 1 June 1856 at Hogansturgh N. Y. A daughter Harrie L. survived her.
2. Louisa born 12 Dec 1803, married (as his 2nd wife) Dr. James M. Sturdevant of Rome N. Y. 28 May 1834. Ceremony by Elder Chas Clark. (Note: His first wife was Harrie Stephens, daughter of Ehad. See - 4 above. She died at Rome 18. Their children were--

3. Infant, died 27 March 1827.

4. Lyman born 30 Sep 1810, married -

5. Gracia born 10 March 1812, married 1st John S. Eldridge 18 Mar. 1835. He died. They had issue. She married 2nd Anson Slussen 4 Jan'y 1860, reside at Norfolk S. Lawrence Co. N. Y. (and died there May 6 1876" added

By his 2nd wife Clarissa Richards daughter of Sylvester Richards, whom married 8 Dec 1814 at Lowville, by the Rev. Isaac Lincoln. She was born 16 May 1792 at Frammington, Mass. & died 23 Oct 1859 at Lowville aged 67.

6. Adelinea born 16 Sep. 1815 at Lowville, married 3 Jan'y 1853, Friend Cadwell, son of Jas. Cadwell, Ceremony by Rev. Orrin Wilbur. They reside at Rochester, N. Y.

7. Rufus Richards born 17 Jan'y 1817, married at Hogansturgh N. Y. 1 Jan'y 1840 Jane Goodenow. Ceremony by Rev. Mr. Rice. Was Sheriff of Franklin Co. N. Y., resided many years at Malone Is Landlord of "Burnett House" Kingston, Ont. Has issue

a. Rufus born Hogansturgh N. Y. 24 Oct 1840 married 15 July 1869, at Malone N.Y. Hellen M. Hoy.

b. Charles Hunsdon, born 11 Jan'y 1842 at Hogansturgh married 4 Oct 1866, at Malone Emma J. Hutton. Eugene Franklin born at Malone 2 Nov. 1858.

8. Electa born 1 Sep 1813, married 10 Sep 1840 Morris D. Moore, at Lowville. Ceremony by Rev. W. W. Nunda Meth Miss. Africa. She died at Lowville 1. Mch 1853 age 39. Their children were Julia m. Lucius Scott, Clara, Charles, Arthur, Minnie, John.

9. James born 26 July 1820, married, resides near Ripon, Wis.

10. Laura born 13 May 1822, married 13 May 1849 George S. Graves a prominent Lawyer and Citizen of Wis., resident at Sheboygan Falls. Ceremony by Rev. Chas. Graves his brother a Baptist clergyman.

(To be Continued)

# WHITNEY FAMILY BIBLE RECORD Contributed by L. A. Merrill

The following records of the Whitney family were copied from an old worn out Bible, found in a vacant house somewhere in Detroit, Michigan. A search through the pages of this large Bible revealed several other valuable pieces of family records, as further described in this collection. The original material may be seen in the Burton Collection of the Detroit Library.

## BIRTHS

Wm. A. Whitney Born in Shelby, N. Y. April 21st 1820  
Ellen Maria Whitney Born in Albion N. Y. April 6th 1825

Dwight Avery Whitney Born in Adrian, Mich. June 21, 1848  
Fannie Lee Whitney Born in Adrian Mich. July 16th 1859  
Leona B. Whitney, daughter of Dwight A. Whitney, Born April 21st 1874

Grace Marion Berdan Born in Detroit Mich. Feb 22nd 1890  
Whitney Lee Berdan Born in Detroit Mich. July 10th 1893

Virginia Lee Pritchett, daughter of Grace Marion Berdan Pritchett born in Terre Haute Ind. Oct 22nd 1915.

## MARRIAGES

William A. Whitney and Ellen Maria Bixby were Married at Adrian Mich September 14th 1847.

Dwight Avery Whitney and Marion C. Lawrence were Married at Grand Rapids, Mich. January 25th 1870

Orange F. Berdan and Fannie Lee Whitney were Married at Adrian Mich December 18th 1878.

Leona B. Whitney and Elmore Roy Mead were married at Sault Ste Marie Mich April 10th 1901.

## DEATHS

W. A. Whitney died in Detroit Mich Jan 23rd 1884

Ellen M. Whitney died in Detroit Mich April 26th 1901

Orange F. Berdan died in Eloise Mich Oct 10th 1901.

## FOSTER FAMILY BIBLE RECORD

The following record of the Foster Family was copied from a separate page found inserted in the above Whitney Bible.

## TIMOTHY FOSTER'S FAMILY

TIMOTHY FOSTER, born June 20 O.S. or July 1, 1741, died Jan'y 26, 1822

RACHEL FOSTER, wife of Timothy, born June 5 O.S. or June 16, 1744, married December 9th 1762

SILAS FOSTER, born Aug 9 - 1763

RACHEL FOSTER, born July 15 - 1765

ABEL FOSTER, born Octo 2 - 1767, died Octo r 3 - 1819

PHEBE FOSTER, born Aug 18 - 1769  
 GEORGE FOSTER, born Nov 7 - 1771  
 CHLOE FOSTER, born Octo 18 - 1773  
 SUSANNA FOSTER, born Sep 15 - 1775  
 JONATHAN FOSTER, born May 23 - 1777  
 SILAS FOSTER, born Aug 25 - 1779  
 RACHEL FOSTER, born July 9 - 1783  
 NANCY FOSTER, born Apr 8 - 1786, died Sep r 28 - 1823  
 MARY FOSTER, wife of Abel, died March 27, 1851

#### ABEL FOSTER S FAMILY

LAURA FOSTER, born Jan'y 25 - 1795, died April 12 1882  
 POLLY FOSTER, born Dec r 21 - 1796, died Feb'y 28 - 1865  
 JOHN ADAMS FOSTER, born Dec r 8 - 1798, died Aug 8 - 1875  
 BETSY FOSTER, born Feb'y 12 - 1801, died July 7 - 1832  
 SAMUEL FOSTER, born Octo 13 - 1803, married June 10, 1841 to Priscilla Smith.  
 WILLIAM FOSTER, born Octo 15 - 1806, died June 4 - 1878  
 HARRIET FOSTER, born Aug 14 - 1809, died Nov'r 2 - 1865  
 ABEL FOSTER, born April 13 - 1813, died Octo 1 - 1874  
 SUSAN FOSTER, born June 16 - 1815, died Feb'y 11 - 1874

#### SAMUEL FOSTER S FAMILY

ELLA MITCHELL FOSTER, born July 21 - 1842, died April 24 - 1878, married June 10 - 18 - to E. H. Clarke, N.Y.  
 WALTER SMITH FOSTER, born July 12 - 1844  
 LOUIS TUCKER FOSTER, born July 12 - 1846  
 FREDERIC LEEDS FOSTER, born Jan'y 27 - 1849  
 JAMES HERBERT FOSTER, born July 20 - 1851  
 CLARA DENNISON FOSTER, born Nov 17 - 1853, married Octo 19 - 1877 to Col C. Allen

Also found between the pages of the above Whitney Bible were two silk ribbon book markers, - One bore the inscription as follows.

"We mourn for Our Beloved Commander  
 ADRIAN GUARDS  
 FRED K HART  
 Our Captain  
 For 16 Years  
 Died May 3, 1877  
 Buried May 6. "

The other ribbon bore the following inscription.

"IN MEMORIAM  
 GEORGE F. HOYT  
 Died January 14, 1878"

OBITUARY--LAURA (FOSTER) BIXBY 1795-1882. The lengthy Adrian, Michigan, newspaper clipping, found in the Whitney Bible, indicated that she was married at 16 years, and after a few years residence in western New York, in 1827, she and her husband settled on their forest farm two miles north of Adrian, Michigan.



## AMERICAN ANCESTRY

of  
SAMUEL TOMPKINS AND MARTHA ALPHEA (TODD) SCHUREMAN AND THEIR DESCENDANTS

By Frances Ida Schureman Judd

Continued from December.

Children of Henry and Priscilla (Chauncey) Sandys

I. Edwin Sandys, his will mentions a brother then living in the Bermudas, a nephew, John living in New England, and another nephew Sir William Wake, whom he appointed as executor of his will.

II. Robert Sandys

III. Chauncey Sandys

IV. Bridget Sandys, m. - Wake. They were the parents of Sir William Wake. BZ Cecelia (Wilford) Sandys, widow of AZ Archbishop Edwin Sandys, mentioned her granddaughter Bridget (Sandys) Wake in her will.

Children of BZ Henry and Elizabeth (Goffe) Sandys

V. Henry Sandys, in 1640 admitted freeman of Boston, Mass.

AZ1 VI. James Sandys (Sands), b. 1622 in Reading Co. Berkshire, Eng., d. at Block Island Rhode Island Mar. 13, 1695. (Of whom later)

Elizabeth (Goffe) Sandys, second wife of BZ the Rev. Henry Sandys and mother of Henry and James Sandys, was a dau. of Thomas Goffe of London, Deputy Governor of the Massachusetts Bay Company. The name Goffe, Goff, is from the Welsh word Goff a smith. The name possesses significance relative to the early settlement of New England. In his Journal, the Colonial Governor, John Winthrop, wrote: "On Oct. 20, 1629 at a court held at the house of Thomas Goffe" (on East Cheap, London) "Winthrop was elected Governor, Humphrey, Deputy Governor, and eighteen others assistants. Humphrey's departure from England being delayed, Thomas Dudley became Deputy Governor in his place." However, "Thomas Goff, a wealthy merchant of London, Eng." was identified with the movement to settle the Massachusetts Bay Colony earlier than 1629, for on Mar. 23, 1628 Matthew Graidock was chosen first governor and Thomas Goff the first deputy governor of the Massachusetts Bay Company. In the group were John Endicott and Sir Richard Saltonstall, and the initiative of this company resulted in the famous "Winthrop Fleet", which arrived at Salem, Mass., June 12, 1630, and soon after settled Boston. Although Thomas Goff did not emigrate to the new world, his brother Edward Goffe came in 1638, bringing with him his great-nephews Henry and James Sandys (or Sands, as it is spelled in America). After the death of their father, the Rev. Henry Sands, the boys were brought up by their mother Elizabeth (Goffe) Sandys, who lived at Graces, Co. Essex, Eng. She may have accompanied them to America. March 22, 1639 her brother Samuel Goffe, petitioned the General Court of Massachusetts that land might be assigned to himself and his father, Thomas Gough of London Merchant. Edward Goffe, with whom Henry and James Sands came, was of Cambridge, Mass., and a proprietor of Watertown, Mass.

There were others of the name of Goffe who early came to the new world, notably William Goffe b. ca. 1605, who d. at Hadley, Mass. in 1679. He was an English Parliamentary "Commander" and one of the judges of Charles I, when he was tried for treason and executed. William Goffe lived in concealment in New England after 1660. (The writer has made no attempt to connect these other Goffes with the family of Thomas of London, but it is likely they belonged to the same family.)

AZ1 James Sands (Capt.) b. 1622 Reading Co. Berkshire, Eng., d. Mar. 13, 1695 at Block Island Rhode Is. He was sixteen years old when he came to America

in 1633 ten years after the organization of the Massachusetts Bay Company at the home of his grandfather, Thomas Goffe. In 1642 James Sands, followed Anne Hutchinson in her exile on the banks of the Hudson River, N. Y., was engaged in building a house for her at Eastchester, N. Y. where she had gone after the death of her husband William Hutchinson. The Rev. Samuel Niles, a grand-son of Capt. James Sands in a narrative tells of his house-building experience. Mrs. Hutchinson who came into this country under a religious character, probably not very long after the church at Boston was settled, went further westward to a place called Eastchester, now in the eastern part of the province of New York. In order to pursue her purpose she agreed with the aforementioned Capt. Sands then a young man to build her a house and he took partner with him in the business. When they had near spent their provisions he sent his partner for meat which was to be had at a considerable distance. While his partner was gone there came a company of Indians to the frame where he was at work and made great shout and sat down. After some time they gathered up his tools put his broadaxe on his shoulder and his other tools into his hands and made signs to him to go away. But he seemed to take no notice of them but continued in his work. At length one of them said "Yehah Mumne Keok", the English of which is "Come, let us go" and they all went away to the waterside for clams or oysters. After some time they came back and found him still at work as before. They again gathered up his tools put them into his hands as before they had done with the like signs moving him to go away. He still seemed to take no notice of them, but kept on in his business and when they had stayed some time they said as before "Yehah Mumne Keok". Accordingly they all went away and left him there at his work, a remarkable instance of the restraining power of God on the hearts of these furious and merciless infidels who otherwise would doubtless in their rage have split his brains with his own axe. But God had further business for him to do in this world in conducting the affairs of Block Island." Mrs. Hutchinson engaged others to complete her house and in 1643 she and her household were murdered by the Indians.

AZ James Sands was one of the early settlers of Portsmouth R. I. where he received grants of land, Oct. 5, 1643 and Aug. 29, 1644. The Town Records in an item of Nov. 13, 1654 state that "At a Towne meeting of the Inhabitants of Portsmouth James Sands and George Parker are chosen by the town to go along with the layers out when they lay out the aforesayd hie way and land." In 1656 he was a juror. Apr. 16, 1657 "James Sands at a Towne meeting was chosen a Commissioner for the Towne to meet with the Commissioners of the rest of the townes of the Collonie they were to meet July 4 next at Warwick" and on June 8 he was "chosen jurie man for the next genreall Court of Tryals at Warwick." In 1660 "At a metings of free Inhabitants of Portsmouth" he was again chosen "Commissioner for ye next Court at Warwick." During those years there are many references to James Sands activities in Portsmouth purchases and sales of property.

About 1648 he married G22 Sarah Walker a daughter of John and Katherine (Hutchinson) Walker original proprietors of Portsmouth R. I. and five of their children were born here. It is possible although not reasonable that they lived for a time at Taunton Mass. as it was from there that they set sail with the fifteen men and probably their families to take possession of Block Island their recent purchase which was destined to be one the home of some of their descendants down to the present time (1940). James Sands shared in the original division of the island although it does not appear that he was among those who met at the home of J22, Dr. John Alcock at Roxbury on Aug. 17, 1660 when the island was purchased. The little

company took possession in 1661.

On Block Island James Sands erected a large stone house, an open structure widely known as "the garrison house" which by the soldiers was used as a refuge from pirates and from Indians during King Phillip's War. When for the third time the French captured the island the family secreted themselves in the woods. In 1663 James was constable of Block Island. In 1664 the General Assembly of Rhode Island made James Sands Constable of the Peace of Block Island. May 1664, Mr. Sands with Mr. Joseph Kent petitioned the Assembly to admit as freemen a number of the islanders among them E22 Simon Ray and Z1 Robert Guthrie whose daughters became the wives of A22 John Sands and A23 John Sands. James Sands was the first representative to the General Court of Rhode Island in 1666 and later in 1668, 1680 and 1690 assistant Warden in 1666, Captain of Militia in King Phillip's War, commanding the New Shoreham Co. He was said of Mr. Sands that he was "a man of unusual endowments of mind, purpose and purity of character, brave, humane and enterprising citizen and devoted Christian" eminently fitted to be the leader of the community in its time of trial. He devoted his house for the worship of God where it was attended every Lord's Day or Sabbath and he did much to establish the Baptist Church on the Island. Roger Williams was his intimate friend. He died and was buried in the public grave yard on Block Island. A large rectangular sandstone slab still marks his grave with the following inscription:

Here Lyes the  
Buried the Body  
of Mr. James Sands  
Senior aged 73  
years departed  
this 11th March  
the 15th 1695

In a letter from Block Island written July 22, 1895 by Capt. James Ray Sands of Asbury Park, New Jersey, he wrote: "We visited the island Cemetery a few days ago and found the last resting place of James Sands. The inscription on the stone which lies flat on the ground, has become illegible in places due to a rotting of the stone. It was very difficult to decipher as were also many of the other stones. In the last will of A21 James Sands he made his wife Z2 Sarah Walker Sands executrix of his will. The inventory of his estate follows:

"About 400 acres of land  
56 head of cattle small and great  
Three horses mare and one horse  
Thirty swine old and young  
About 300 sheep  
A negro woman - house and barn and mill"

Liverance in his "History of Block Island" wrote of Mrs. Sarah Sands: "This lady had virtues and culture which entitle her to more than passing notice." In addition to her home duties she was the doctress of the island "being skilled in surgery and medicine". Wherever there was illness Sarah (Walker) Sands was found, tenderly caring for the sick. Her grandson the Rev. Samuel Niles wrote of her: "His" (Capt. James Sands) wife was a gentle woman of remarkable sobriety and piety given also to hospitality. She was the only midwife and doctress on the island, or rather a doctor, all her days with very little and with some and mostly no reward at all." The Rev. Niles mentioned several specific cases in which Sarah Sands demonstrated her

great skill as a surgeon. Her husband made her the sole executrix of his estate. In Mar. 1695, James Sands died and on Mar. 9, 1699, his wife had recorded a legal document emancipating her slaves. A copy follows

"Know all men by these presents that I, Sarah Sands, of Block Island alias New Shoreham in the Colony of Rhode Island, Providence Plantations in New England, Wife to Mr. James Sands of Block Island, and made sole executrix by my said husband James Sands at his death, and having three negro children born under my roof and in my bosom, being left to my disposing by my above said husband

"Know ye therefore that I the above Sarah Sands do hereby and volun-  
tarily give and bestow of them as followeth that is to say

"First I give to my granddaughter, Sarah Sands daughter to my son Edward Sands one of the Negro girls named Hannah. The other Negro girl I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter, Catherine Niles daughter to my son-in-law Nathaniel Niles of Point Judith in the Colony above said. The two negro girls I freely and voluntarily give to my two grand children above named until the said Negroes come to the age of thirty years, and then I do by these presents declare that they shall be free from my service and be at their own disposal. The Negro girl given to my granddaughter Catherine Niles is named Sarah. The other negro above said being a boy named Mingo, I freely give and bequeath to my grandson Sands Raymond, son of my son-in-law Joshua Raymond of Block Island above named, which I give freely until that he the said Negro boy comes to the age of thirty-three years, and then to be free his own man and at his own disposal forever after that he shall arrive to the age of 33 years, for I Sarah Sands do by these presents freely declare that I have made a promise that no child whatsoever born under my service and care shall be made slave of any longer than is above specified, and for the confirmation and ratification of this my hand and affixed my seal this ninth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and ninety-nine.

"Signed in presence of  
Samuel Niles

Sarah Sands

In 1703 a preamble was added to the above, which is a revelation of Sarah Sands character. Much of her eventful life had been spent on the Island the inhabitants of which she had found upon her arrival to be in a barbarous state. She had, with her devoted companion labored to improve them both socially and religiously. Her will reads as follows

"In the name of God Amen, I Sarah Sands of Block Island, alias New Shoreham in the colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations in New England, being aged and weak in body, but of sound and perfect memory. Praise be given to Almighty God for the same, and knowing the uncertainty of this life on earth, and being desirous to see that things in order be done before my death, Do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following

(To be Continued)

# A BRIEF WHITNEY RECORD Contributed by Hallam Spencer Whitney.

This is a record of the ancestry of my mother, Mrs. George M. Thompson, who died in Saginaw Michigan, April 23rd, 1940. Inasmuch as my father and mother were both Whitneys of the same line (they were third cousins), it is an addition in two lines to the "Descendants of John Whitney", by Frederick Clifton Pierce, 1895.

Mary Ann(9) Whitney, my mother(Elisha Spencer(8), John R.(7), Gen. William(6), Lieut. Thomas(5), William(4), William(3), Joshua(2), John(1), was born Nov. 26, 1864 at Milton Center, Wood Co., Ohio. She was the dau. of Elisha Spencer and Sarah Ann(Erskine) Whitney. She was married 1st to Vincent Presnitz Whitney, on Aug. 9, 1884 at Kipton, Lorain Co., Ohio, by the Rev. Silas Worts.

Children of this marriage: Hallam Spencer, born July 8, 1885, Kipton, O.  
James Eldredge, " Dec. 16, 1886, " "

James Eldredge Whitney m. Apr. 5, 1930, Beulah Sorg at Sanford, Mich.  
He died Mar. 6, 1939, leaving three children: Mary Lou, Jacob V.  
and Norman Ray Whitney.

Mrs. Vincent Presnitz Whitney lived near Willoughby, Ohio until 1894 when she went to Saginaw Co., Michigan to the home of her parents. She married 2nd on Nov. 24, 1894, George M. Thompson, at Merrill, Saginaw Co., Michigan. They lived at Hemlock, Saginaw Co., until 1918 when they moved to Saginaw.

Children of this marriage: Lily Elinor, born June 8, 1898, Hemlock, Mich.  
She m. Ora Knappen, Oct. 20, 1914 at Saginaw, d. Aug. 18, 1915 at Hemlock, Mich.  
Aaron Eugene, born Dec. 3, 1901, Hemlock.  
Thomas, born April 1, 1910, Hemlock.

George M. Thompson was born Jan. 7, 1866, near Bath, Steuben Co., N. Y. He was the son of John Campbell and Margaret (Wilhelm) Thompson. He died May 28, 1921, Saginaw, Mich. He had married 1st Mrs. Annie(Buckley) Casler, born in Henrietta Twp., Lorain Co., dau. of Jos. Buckley. She d. May 13, 1893, Hemlock.

Vincent Presnitz(3) Whitney, my father (Rev. Hallam Eldredge(8), Ebenezer(7), Joshua(6), Lieut. Thomas(5), William(4), William(3), Joshua(2), John(1), was b. Feb. 24, 1856, at Columbia Cross Roads, Bradford Co., Pa. He was the son of Rev. Hallam Eldredge and Elizabeth Permelia (Morse) Whitney. (See "Descendants of John Whitney" p. 387, No. 5832). He died Oct. 5, 1889 at Kipton, Ohio.

## My grandparents

Rev. Hallam Eldredge Whitney was born in 1818 at Binghamton, N. Y. He was the son of Ebenezer and Sarah(Green) Whitney, his cousin. (See "Descendants of John Whitney", pp. 214 and 387, No. 3096).

Elizabeth Permelia (Morse) Whitney was born 1816, the dau. of Benjamin and Lucy (Whitney) Morse. Lucy was dau. of Joshua(6) Whitney, Thomas(5).

Elisha Spencer Whitney, my mother's father, was born May 24, 1836 in Camden Twp., Lorain Co., Ohio, the son of John R. and Sallie(Spencer) Whitney. John R. Whitney was b. 1786 (tombstone), North Hillsdale, Columbia Co., N. Y., d. 1857 in Lorain Co., Ohio. He was the son of Gen. William Whitney (See "Descendants of John Whitney" p. 111, No. 1409). Elisha Spencer Whitney married on Jan. 1st, 1859 Sarah Ann Erskine, at the home of Roswell L. Loveland in Wakeman Twp., Huron Co., Ohio. They were married by Rev. Z. B. Distrow. He died May 28, 1909 at Hemlock, Michigan.

Sarah Ann (Erskine) Whitney was born Feb. 4, 1831 in Steuben Co., N. Y. the dau. of Howard F. and Polly (Davis) Erskine. She died April 28, 1898 at Hemlock, Michigan.

More information about this Erskine family is desired.



## ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO GENEALOGICAL WORKS.

"CHARLES CHRISTOPHER TROWBRIDGE" by Beulah Puffer Kresge (an addition to the Trowbridge Genealogy) DETROIT SOCIETY FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH MAGAZINE April 1939, p. 129 add to "17. Mary Trowbridge(9) Wilkins" (Countess Zeppelin) this notice of death taken from the Detroit (Michigan) News of Saturday Dec. 7 1940 "Through the war-disrupted communications from Europe, word has been received here of the death, Nov. 3, of Countess Carl von Zeppelin, the former Mary Trowbridge Wilkins, descendant of one of Michigan's most illustrious families. A letter sent from the Countess' home at Baden Baden, Germany, at the time of the death reached the home of her brother, Ross Wilkins, Friday. After clearing German censorship the letter came to Detroit via clipper from Lisbon. Since before the days of the World War the Countess and her husband, cousin of the late Ferdinand Zeppelin, inventor and designer of the dirigible, have lived quietly at their home in Baden Baden. Word of the death of the Countess was sent by Count von Zeppelin. Burial, he said, was in Baden Baden."

Addition made by Mrs. E. B. Kresge

Correction to the "GENEALOGICAL MAGAZINE OF NEW JERSEY" Vol. 6 1938-1931 Predmore Bible Records pp. 31-32

1. Almira Predmore should read Almira
2. Joseph Predmore died Feb. 20 not Feb. 26
3. Joseph Predmore married Elizabeth Roy in 1816 not 1818
4. Elga Predmore should read Ega Predmore

Corrections from original records. Photostat made and in possession of Floyd A. Church.

Corrections to "SOME MAINE MARRIAGE RECORDS" contributed by E. H. Owen in "DETROIT SOCIETY FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH MAGAZINE"

Issue of October 1940

- p. 11 3rd line should read Kenney not Kenny.  
 p. 11 9th " " " May 26 " May 28.  
 p. 11 14th " " " Be sey. " Be sey.  
 p. 11 22nd " " " Alaris Puman, not Alaris Puman.  
 p. 12 11th " " " Kenney not Kenny.  
 p. 12 14th " " " Emily H. Jones, not Emily H. Jones.  
 p. 12 41st " " " Montcillow, not Montcillow

Issue of November 1940

- p. 31 31st line should read Sterry not Sterry.

Issue of December 1940

- p. 53 1st line should read June 4, 1871 not 1873.  
 p. 53 9th " " " June 14 not June 4.  
 p. 53 34th " " " Bertha, not Berthe.

Corrections made by E. H. Owen.

Miss Helen H. Ellis of the Burton Library Staff calls our attention to an item of interest and importance to all users of the card catalogues. That is, that The American Genealogical Foundation Index is changing over all their index cards from surnames only to given names. Thus far they have done the following names: Adams, Allen, Brown, Clark, Davis, Johnson, Jones, Miller, Smith, Taylor and Williams. To all of us who have faced the task of going through all the volumes indexed under the name of "Smith", for example with the faint chance of finding in one of them a "Mary Smith", this comes as welcome news. Any member of the Burton staff will be glad to explain how the new cards work, if you should find one in your research. The American Genealogical Foundation Index, it may be explained, card indexes genealogical works both indexed and un-indexed, and supplies the cards to subscriber libraries.

## Q U E R I E S

700-B-27 HAWKINS Elijah Hawkins Jr. son of Uriah and Deborah(---) Hawkins was born in Gloucester, R. I. Feb. 20, 1756 and died at Edmeston, N. Y. Apr. 22, 1833. He married probably about 1780 and removed to New York between 1786 and 1790. His wife's name was Rhoda. Want her surname and also the surname of Deborah, wife of Uriah and mother of Elijah Jr.

701-H-6, HILL-GREENWOOD Wanted all data re the Aaron Hill who m. Elizabeth Greenwood, places and dates of birth, marriage and death of each, parents of each with all dates and places, also same data for all children.

702-H-6, HILL An Aaron Hill m. Jean---, died 1750/1; had sons Alexander and John. Want all data as above for this Aaron Hill family.

703-H-6, HILL-LOW Another Aaron Hill m. Juliet Low, he was of Saratoga Springs, N. Y. and probably also of Guilderland, N. Y. Want all other data.

704-H-6, HILL-MARTIN Aaron Hill m. Lucy Martin, lived Providence, R.I., had dau. Lucy who m. R. Briggs. All data wanted re this Aaron Hill family.

705-H-6, HILL-BENNINGHOFF This Aaron Hill m. Lydia Benninghoff, had a son William 1853-1913). Wanted any other data possible.

706-H-6, HILL-ELLIS Aaron Hill m. Susan Ellis, lived Greensboro, Vt., had a dau. Mary who m. A. W. Fairbanks. Want all other data re both.

707-H-6, HILL-HENLEY OVERMAN One Aaron Hill m. 1st Mary Henley; 2nd Miriam Overman, had children, Huldah m. Samuel Bundy, Wm, Mary, Moses, Aaron, Miriam, Jacob, Jesse, Thomas, Micajah. They were Quakers. Want all data as above.

708-H-6, HILL-BULL Aaron Hill m. Mrs. Lydia Bull probably lived Poughkeepsie N. Y. Want all data as above.

709-H-6, HILL-MIST ALNER This Aaron Hill m. 1st Mary Mist; 2nd Ann Alner. Would like all data re this Hill family.

710-M-34, MURRAY Want ancestry of Ira Murray who lived in Antrim, Shiawassee Co., Michigan about 1842. Had sons Horace P., Milton C. and Philander C. Murray. M. Ruty Ann---, died prior to 1845. Where did this Ira Murray come from into Michigan? Would like addresses of any descendants.

711-H-12, PERKINS Want ancestry of Edwin Zina Perkins b. prob. 1850-1855 in Mass., lived early 70's in Detroit, graduated in law at U. of M. 1878, died Washington D. C. Jan. 16, 1899. University records say nothing more of him. Said to have been Comptroller of the Currency under President Cleveland. Had bro. Crawford founder of Nautinway Mich., bro. Charles lived Canada, sister Zella m. Alfred Stephens (Stevens?) in Detroit and moved to Canada.

712-W-13, WHITNEY Wanted date of birth and marriage and name of wife of Gen. William Whitney (Thomas William William, Joshua John of Watertown Mass., Lived Chenango Co., N. Y., general in state militia, died Jan. 18, 1810.

713-W-13, ERSKINE-WHITNEY Sarah Ann Erskine dau. of Howard F. and Polly (Davis) Erskine b. Steuten Co., N. Y. m. Elisha Spencer Whitney in Huron Co., Ohio. Want complete ancestry of Howard F. and Sarah Ann Erskine.

## R E P L I E S

677-D-8, HATHAWAY SHEPARD Proof of marriage of John Hathaway (1629-1705) and Martha Shepard at Braintree, Mass., 1649 is asked for.

M. A. T. C. in the Boston Evening Transcript for April 11, 1936, says that the reported lineage of this Martha long current among Hathaway descendants seems to lack any foundation in recorded facts. Various references have been given as supporting it such as "The Genealogy of Henry Adams of Braintree, Mass.", "New England Historic and Genealogical Register", Braintree Town Records", etc.

John (2) Hathaway had a wife named Martha. And a certain William Shepard of Taunton referred to John as "my loving brother". (March 1664 Plymouth Colony Records, Archives Book p. 38.) The will of John Shepard, who seems without question to have been the father of William and who was of Towcester, County Northampton, Eng., was dated July 16, 1643 and contains no reference to any Martha. (N. Y. Gen. and Biog. Record, Vol. 42 p. 94.)

I have been told by Mary P. Herbert, Assonet, Mass. (historian of the Hathaway family association) that the records of New Haven Conn. have an account of a court held there February 5, 1766, in which there is reference to "Edward Preston attorney on behalf of John Hathaway of Taunton as administrator of the estate of brother-in-law William Shepard deceased."

Nobody knows why William Shepard called John Hathaway brother. It could have been a church relationship. It may be that John Hathaway's wife was a sister of William Shepard's wife. Perhaps William Shepard's wife was an unknown sister of John Hathaway. Pattee's "History of Old Braintree and Quincy" says that Nicholas Hathaway had nine heads in his family. Who these were is not known, but some may have been daughters whose names are lost to us.

Booklet No. 6 of the Collections of the Old Colony Historical Society of Taunton, Mass., published 1899, contains an article on the early Hathaways which is accepted as authoritative. The author, Miss Mary E. N. Hathaway does not mention the Shepard legend in connection with Martha although she must have been familiar with it.      Ans. by Dr. Ray G. Hallum, Chicago.

658-B-19; THOMPSON, Mrs. Judd has no information re Revolutionary War record of Samuel Thompson and Jabez Thompson as requested. She is interested only in Samuel Thompson Schureman.      Ans. by J. C.

A HEIMSTREET FAMILY BIBLE RECORD.  
Contributed by Helen Reese Kellogg.

This record was copied from a Bible printed in Amsterdam, Holland in 1694, by Daniel van den Dalen, Boecklerkooper. It was owned by Jacob Heimstreet, one of three brothers who sailed from Amsterdam, Holland in 1705, and located in Kinderhook, Barony of Albany on the Hudson River, N. Y.

Because of the Heimstreet family marrying into the REESE family, the Bible was handed down to me Mrs. Henry Bates Kellogg, E. B. Heimstreet late of Lake Mills Wis. was the last Heimstreet to own the Bible.      HRK

HEIMSTREET

1 Daughter	Anties	B. Jan. 24, 1709
1 Son	Antoni	B. June 28, 1711
2 Daughter	Gertrude	B. Feb. 4, 1715
1 Son	John	B. Jan. 29, 1717
) Jacob, Junior. B. Aug. 1736 D. 1864		
Married) Hannah Andrus- B. June 29, 1793 D. 1847		
) Stephen B. 1813 D. 1887		
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